I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (30 Dec 2011 - 06 Jan 2012)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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To all who celebrate - HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012 !!!!
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30/12/2011: Harry, JG7PSJ, will once again be active as JD1BMH from Chichi-jima (AS-031, JCG #10007, WLOTA 2269) between 30 December 2011 and 7 January 2012. QRV on on 160-10 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the JARL bureau to JD1BMH or direct to JG7PSJ. Website: sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh [OPDX Bulletin]

30/12/2011: Eugene, RA0FF, will be active from the West Plaza by the Sea Hotel, Koror Island, Republic of Palau (IOTA OC-009, WW Loc. PJ77FI), as T88OW between 30 December, 2011 and 8 January, 2012. QRV on 160-6 metres. QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

31/12/2011: Rich, PA0RRS will be active again as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (IOTA AS-015, WFF 9MFF-016, WLOTA 2743) between 31 December, 2011 and 13 February 2012. This time he will operate exclusively CW, PSK and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, as well as LoTW and eQSL. [425 DX News]

01/01/2012: Jan-Henrik, DG8HJ, will once again be active on the HF bands as homecall/p from Fehmarn Island (EU-128, GIA O-001, WLOTA 0637) on 1-8 January 2012. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

01/01/2012: Rick, K6VVA, will kick-off the IOTA Marathon by activating Vashon Island (NA-065, USi WA060S, WLOTA 2572), Puget Sound, King County, Washington, as K6VVA/7 between 1-3 January 2012. QRV mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via N6AWD, direct or bureau. Website: www.k6vva.com/iota/na065 [islandchaser.com]

01/01/2012: Dave VO1AU will be active from Kiritimati (Christmas Island) during the month of January 2012 as T32AU. QSL via VO1MX, direct and LoTW. Further details will be published soon. [dx-world.net]

02/01/2012: Tonio F4ACR, Christophe F4CRE, Denis F4DNU, Jean-Paul F5OQK, Jean-Pierre F6AIM and Jean-Pascal FY5LH plan to operate as TO5G from Royale isle t, Salut Islands (IOTA SA-020, WLOTA 0911) from 2-7 January 2012. Expect activity to be on all HF bands and modes. QSL via F5KDR. Further information and log search can be found at: f5kdr.free.fr/ [dx-world.net]

02/01/2012: Peter, PA8A, will be active as PJ4B holiday style from the island of Bonaire (IOTA SA-006, WFF PAFF-024, WLOTA 1279) from 8-22 January, 2012. Casual operation on the HF bands. QSL via PA8A, direct only (please include 2$ and SAE). [PA3GVI]

03/01/2012: Alex, UA9YAB and Alex, UA9YPS will be active from Cambodia as XU7YAB and XU7YPS, respectively, from 3-6 January, 2012. A side trip to IOTA AS-133 is also planned. QSL via home calls, direct only and LoTW. [dx-world.net]

03/01/2012: A 10-man team from the Radio Club of Venezuela plan to be active from the vicinity of Angel Falls waterfall (WW Loc. FJ85RX), the world's tallest (979m) from 3-6 January 2012. Look for them as YX6AJ on CW/SSB/Digi and the

Satellites. Operators mentions so far include Lino YY5FRD, Jesus YY5CHJ, Marcel YY5CAR, Wilmer YY5CWM, Alfredo YV5SSF, Edwin YV5HUJ, Jose YV5JF, William YV5VE and Angel YV5NEA. QSL via YV5AJ, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/YX6AJ [dx-world.net]

05/01/2012: Mike, VE2XB, will be active as J79XB from the island of Dominica (IOTA NA-101) starting 5th January 2012 for several weeks. Activity will be holiday style on all bands 160-10 metres and possibly 6m if there are openings. He will be concentrating a bit more on 80/40/30 metres and of course the other bands including 17/12 metres as conditions allow. QSL via VE2XB (see QRZ.com for address and details) with SASE and CDN stamps or 2 IRCs or 2 greenbacks. [OPDX Bulletin]

05/01/2012: Russian Robinson Club members together with Bethel Amateur Radio Club BARK are planning to activate the last new one IOTA in Alaska, NA-240, Pingurbek island, Bethel County Group, from 5-8 January 2012 as KL7RRC/p. Main reason for winter activation is to jump start the IOTA Marathon. As of 31st October 2011, team members are: Tim NL8F, Alex RW3RN, Yuri UA9OBA and Yuri N3QQ. QSL via UA9OBA (Europe/Russia) and N7RO (rest of the world). All plans subject to weather and transportation availability. Visit www.na-234.com/ for latest updates. [dx-world.net]

06/01/2012: Members of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club will be active on 6-8 January, 2012, from Grand Isle (NA-168, USi LA003S, Jefferson County), Louisiana, using their club call W5GIX. Operators include David W5XU, Jim N5IB, Wayne K5DF, David K5DFD, Jerry W5AJD and Dana AD5VC. QRV on 80-10 metre SSB, CW and the Digital modes - possibly 6m too. QSL via W5GIX (QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

11/01/2012: Luca, IW2CXJ, will be active holiday style from El Salvador as YS3/IW2CXJ between 11-24 January, 2012. Using a Cushcraft R7 vertical and 100w look for him on 40-10m, CW only. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or direct to home call. [dx-world.net]

12/01/2012: Joe, K5KUA, will once again be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143, USi TX001S, Galveston County), Texas, from 13-16 January, 2012. QRV on 80-10 metres, mainly SSB, with some CW if time permits. QSL via home call, direct, by the bureau and LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

15/01/2012: Bhagwati, VU3BPZ, will be stationed at the new Bharti Base (WAP IND-New!, IOTA AN-016), Larsemann Hills, Princess Christensen Coast, Princess Elizabeth Land, Antarctica, from 15 January 2012 until March 2013. He plans to set up a HF station once his wintering tasks are completed. He is also expected to use a special callsign, yet to be assigned. QSL via I1HYW (Gianni Varetto, Via Pancalieri 2, I-12030 Casalgrasso (CN), Italy). Stay tuned! [WAP Bulletin #250]

21/01/2012: Look for Andy, N8OFS (SMIRK #6737, IHRAS #0007), to be active in the January ARRL VHF Sweepstakes Contest (21-23 January) from Medina, Ohio (WW Loc. EN91AE). He will be "parked and locked on 50.155 MHz USB to protect the frequency and the 'WA8ICH and Friends Net' from the kill-a-what kids on this side of the pond who have no ears and don't even have the common courtisy to ask if the frequency is in use. 90W from the Kenwood TS-60 to the PAR OA-50 at 19.8ft". QSL direct only (QRZ.com), or via eQSL. [N8OFS]

02/02/2012: Gerhard, OE3GEA, will be active as OE3GEA/6Y5 from the island of Jamaica (NA-097, WLOTA 0214), holiday style, from 2-12 February, 2012. Operating 50w and using an Outbacker antenna + dipole, look for him on CW only. QSL via

home call, direct or bureau. [dx-world.net]

14/02/2012: Eric, OE4AAC, will be actve as 3B9/OE4AAC on 14-21 February, 2012, from Rodrigues Island (AF-017, WFF 3BFF-004, WLOTA 4265). Plans are for a single Op, CW only operation, on 40-10 metres. QSL to OE4AAC, direct or via bureau. [NG3K]

18/02/2012: Kurt, W6PH, will be active from the Tarrafal Apartments, Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005) as VP9/W6PH for the ARRL DX CW Contest (18-19 February) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

21/02/2012: Phil, G3SWH and John, EA5ARC (G3OLU) will be active as 3DA0PW from the Hawane Resort, Swaziland, on 21-29 February, 2012. The licence has been approved by the DXCC desk at ARRL. They will operate CW only on 80-10 metres with two stations, with focus on the HF and WARC bands. There will be no 160, 60, 6 metre or EME activity. QSL via G3SWH, preferably via the OQRS facility on Phil's web site (www.g3swh.org.uk/), otherwise direct or bureau. Subject to a good Internet connection, there will be on-line log on Phil's web site and daily uploads to LoTW. [G3SWH]

23/02/2012: Orlando, PT2OP and Fred, PY2XB will be active as PV2PC and ZX2S, respecitvely, on 23-27 February 2012 and during the South American Lighthouse Weekend (24-26 February) from Ponta Das Canas lighthouse (DFB SP-014, WLOL BRA-233, WLOTA 1007, WW Loc. GG76HG), located on Sao Sebastiao Island (SA-028, DIB SP-02). Plans are to operate with two stations on the HF bands. QSL PV2PC via PT2OP, direct or bureau and ZX2S via PT7WA, direct or bureau. Further information on the South American Lighthouse Weekend, plus list of participants, can be found at: www.grupodxbb.com.ar/faros2012 [LU7DSY]

24/02/2012: Members of the Radio Club Mar Del Plata (LU2DT) will be active as LT5D for the South American Lighthouse Weekend (24-26 February) from Punta Mogotes (WLOL ARG-005, WW Loc. GF11FV), Argentina. QSL via LU2DT (QRZ.com). Website: lu2dt.org.ar/ [LU7DSY]

24/02/2012: Look for Ezequiel LU1EEZ/D, Mark LU7CAW/D, Alberto LU4DIS/D and Mariano LU9ACJ/D to be active from the Martin Garcia lighthouse (WLOL ARG-045, TWLHD WLH LU-005, Admiralty G0791, WW Loc. GF05UT), Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) for South American Lighthouse Weekend. QRV on all HF bands. QSL via Ezequiel, Alicia M de Justo 3442, Lomas del Mirador, Bs AS 1752, Argentina. Website: www.lu1eez.8m.com/ [LU7DSY]

24/02/2012: Rick, LU9DA, plans to be active for South American Lighthouse Weekend as LU9DA/D from the Baliza Escollera Norte Mar Del Plata light (WLOL ARG-123) and the Baliza Escollera Sur Mar Del Plata light (WLOL ARG-124), Argentina. QSL via LU9DA, direct (QRZ.com). Website: lu9da.dyndns.org/ [LU7DSY]

24/02/2012: Look for The Three Stars DX Group to be active during the South American Lighthouse Weekend from the Cabo Carranza (WLOL CHI-005) lighthouse, Chile. Operators Carlos CE6AMN, Roberto CE6UFF, Alejandro CA6WKD and Irma CA6UTF will be QRV on 40 20 and 10 metre SSB. QSL via CE6AMN. Website: www.actiweb.es/ce6amn [LU7DSY]

03/03/2012: Kurt, W6PH and Tim, N6WIN will be active as VP9/W6PH during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (3-4 March) as a Multi-Single entry from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005). QSL via W6PH, direct only. [NG3K]

05/03/2012: Babs, DL7AFS and Lot, DJ7ZG will once again be active as V21FS and V21ZG, respectively, from the Villa Sundowerns, near Pottery Village, island of Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA 1118, WW Loc FK97CC) beginning 5th March 2012, for a few

weeks. Focus on 16-6m if sunspots allow - mainly RTTY, PSK and SSB. V21ZG will look especially for JA and QRP stations. QSL via the German QSL-bureau DARC to DL7AFS, or direct. Website: www.qsl.net/dl7afs/ [dx-world.net]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/01/2012: Denmark has the Presidency of European Union from 1 January to 30 June 2012. The call sign 5P12EU will be activated during this period. QSL via OZ0J. See the 5P12EU website (www.5p12eu.dk/) for further information (awards, online log, etc...). [UBA HF News]

01/01/2012: The ISWL Club Callsigns in use during January 2012 will be:
GX4BJC /A - Operated /A from Stratton, near Bude in Cornwall, by Mike - M0SMJ. (/A WAB Square = SS20 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-1841).
MX1SWL /A & MX1SWL /P - Operated /A from Hartford, in Cambridgeshire, by Tom - G3RPV. (/A WAB Square = TL27 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-1841). Tom will give his /P locations during his QSO's.
The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.
I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.
Very best wishes to all, for a peaceful year in 2012. [G-13038]

01/01/2011: The German club of Duisburg-Huckingen (DOK L16) celebrates its 30th anniversary on 7 May. Thus the special event station DL1630Y will be activated in all modes on all bands during the entire year 2012 (Good for Duisburg Harbour Award). They will also hand out the special DOK 30L16 from May 1 until July 31. QSL via the DARC bureau. For more information see: www.darc.de/l16 [DX Newsletter]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

30/12-7/1/12 JD1BMH: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL JARL Buro
31/12-13/2/12 9M2MRS: Pulau Penang WLOTA:2743 QSL HC (d)
01/01-08/01 DG8HJ/P: Fehmarn Island WLOTA:0637 QSL HC (d/b)
01/01-31/01 GX4BJC /A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
01/01-03/01 K6VVA/7: Vashon Island WLOTA:2572 QSL N6AWD (d/b)
01/01-31/01 MX1SWL /P: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
01/01-31/01 GX4BJC /A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
02/01-07/01 TO5G: Ile Royale WLOTA:0911 QSL F5KDR (d/b)
05/01-10/01 PJ2/N6EE: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
05/01-10/01 PJ2/W6XK: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)

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COUNTY HUNTING (USA-CA) -

K0PVW - Robert - Dec 31, 2011 to Dec 31, 2011 - SSB Only
20M SSB, 40M SSB on request
I am making a short Kansas run to the North. Here are the counties:
Marion, Morris, Dickenson, Geary, Clay, Riley, Washington(KD4ZAT)/Marshall CL, Pottawatomie/Wabunsee CL, Shawnee, there maybe more depending on when I leave. I will also be through Lyon and Chase on the way back. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

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6 METRES & UP -

- K2LZQ Graig will be operating 6m again from Chile (FE44bh) -
"We will be operating again from Chile FE44bh from January 9 thru 15. When not fishing we will operate each evening and try 50.195 if clear 1st. The camp was ransacked during their winter and we hope all of our gear is still in one piece. I will give you a call on my Satellite phone when we arrive to verify if all is well. Anyone wishing a schedule can e-mail me at craiggoldman[at]comcast.net". [MMMonVHF]

- THE K5N GRID ACTIVATION GROUP PLANS FOR 2012 -
LATEST NEWS by Marshall, K5QE, dated 2011-12-20: Hello everyone interested in the K5N Winter DXpedition to DL99-DM90. Enclosed (email at reflector) is a picture of the TV van with the two 6M5X antennas on board. We will raise the mast to about 20ft when we are in the actual operating location. Do you think we can get a permit to drive this down the highway?? It would fall under the WIDE LOAD class..... If everything works out OK, we will drive to Rocksprings, TX on Monday, Dec 26th. We will set up on Tuesday morning and start running shortly thereafter. We hope to have Internet, so look for us on PingJockey. We hope to be there... [MMMonVHF]

- METEORSCATTER in January 2012 -
Highlight of new year is as usual Quadrantids shower. Its maximum is expected to occur on January 4th, 07h 20m UT, with ZHR = 120 hr-1 Quadrantids maximum is typically rather sharp, with ZHR varying in the range 60-200 hr-1. Have a look to shower predictions for January 2012 - (together with some tips about Quadrantids and an overview of 2011 Geminids) at our MMM MS-Propagationpage: www.MMMonVHF.de/ms.php [MMMonVHF]

30/12 DSW 2M Contest SSB/CW/FM 1300z-1430z
30/12-8/1/12 T88OW: Palau OC-009 Grid:PJ77FI 6m 100W 5el yagi QSL RA0FF (d)
01/01 Ross Hull Memorial VHF/UHF 6m & Up 01 0000z-31 2400z
01/01 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 144MHz 1400z-1659z
01/01 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 432MHz 1700z-1759z
02/01 Memorial OK1WC Activity 6m 50.200-50.230USB, 50.500-50.550FM
03/01 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
03/01-06/01 YX6AJ: Angel Falls Expedition Grid:FJ85RX 6m+Sat QSL YV5AJ (d/b)
04/01 MOON Contest 144MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html
www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jan.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 29 December, 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

The following operationis approved for DXCC credit:
E44PM - Palestine - 2011 Operation
73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

The following operation has been on hold pending a review of the status

of their location (In accordance with DXCC rule 8 regarding it being "land-based"). After a brief review it was determined that this was, in fact, a land based operation so it is now approved for DXCC credit:

5N6/YL2SW - Nigeria

If you had credit for this operation rejected in the past, send a note to bmoore at arrl.org to have your record updated. You can see the results when the change has been done to your record by checking your LoTW account or, the DXCC daily numbers. (Due to heavy e-mail I probably will not be able to reply to all requests).
73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

I've just resumed QSL managership for James, 9J2CA in Lusaka, Zambia. James is mainly QRV on the digital modes with the occasional foray on to CW. QSL direct only. There is an on-line log search at www/g3swh.org.uk/9j2ca.html
G3SWH, Phil

QSLs via Bureau: 3D2?CR, 5V7CC, 9K2F, 9M2MRS, 9V1SV, 9V1VV,AH?F, P29VLR, PJ2/PA7JWC, W7TK and YJ?HA.

QSLs via Direct: 3XY1D (DL7UFR), 5T?JL (ON8RA), 5W?OJ (DL4RDJ), 7Q7GM (GM4FDM), 7Z1AA [AS-191] (7Z1CQ), A52DL (LA9DL), A73A (EA7FTR), B4S (BD4SX), CP4DR (KV7Q), EA8/DL3GCS (H/c), EI6S (QRZ.com), ET3BN (QRZ.com), FR/DJ7RJ (H/c), J39BS (QRZ.com), JT5DX (QRZ.com), K5D (N2OO), P29CW (VK2IR), PJ2/K8LEE (H/c), ST?R (EA5RM), TA1CQ (QRZ.com), TM?INT (EA5KA), UA2F (QRZ.com), XV4YY (DH7WW), ZB2FK (QRZ.com), ZB2LGT (ZB2JK), ZD7BG (QRZ.com), ZD7VC (QRZ.com) and ZD8F (W6HGF).

QSLs via LoTW: CN3A, CW5W, DR1A, E51MAN, E51NOU, EA3QP, EA4TX, ED3A, EF8R, FO8RZ, KH7Y, NP3CW, OQ5M, PJ4A, PJ4LS, PY1GQ, T32C, TK4W, TM6M, UW2ZM, VE3MM, VE6WP, VP2MTA, XE1MM and YN2CC.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

CY0 - Sable Island DXpedition (Dec 28, 2011)
DELAYED
Flight to Sable Island delayed. Severe winds on the flight path to Sable made it unsafe to fly this morning. They will try again at 1200 UTC on Thursday morning. Even though conditions look better, a new concern is forecast for winds from the South in combination with high seas which could bring water onto the "beach runway". If this were to happen and the "beach runway" is lost due to standing water, there could potentially be no access to Sable Island for the next 4-5 weeks. Continue to monitor this website for the latest updates: www.cy0dxpedition.com/ [dx-world.net]

HK0NA - Malpelo Island (Dec 27, 2011)
LATEST NEWS
Four members from the HK0NA Team, namely Jaime HK1N, Sal HK1T, Faber HK6F and Bolmar HK1MW have departed from the pier at the Bahia Malaga Navy Base. They are

aboard the Patrol Boat Jose Maria Palas. The target of this advanced team called The Fantastic Four is to set up all 11 stations, 2 camps and wireless network in order to have everything ready for the main group arriving on January 21, 2012. To these four brave men - who are going to spend more than 40 days on Malpelo and have sacrificed their holidays away from family - we have to express our admiration and gratitude. [dx-world.net]

KH3 - JOHNSTON ATOLL (Dec 24, 2011)

POSTPONED

Yesterday Susan W7KFI confirms rumours that her KH3 Johnston Island planned operation has been postponed for 4-6 weeks. This is primarily due to USF&W (Fish & Wildlife) requiring that Susan pulls her boat out of the water and has the hull scraped, then repainted. Permission [to land] would then be granted. The shipyard who would do this work cannot get Susan an appointment until approx four weeks from now, so shove off date will be beginning February at earliest. Susan reaffirms she will definitely be going, and KH3 will happen, but now no firm date for the moment. Her permission to operate is through February. It?s worth noting USF&W would prefer Susan to have the hull scraped and push off date within two weeks from now, however as already mentioned the shipyard cannot do the required work until four weeks time. [KH6CG/dx-world.net]

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73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ

Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/

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All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG

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